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SUBJ: VOLSPKR MICHAEL ARMACOST

1. MICHAEL ARMACOST, POLICY PLANNING STAFF, MADE BEST CONTRIBUTION TO DIALOGUE ON FOREIGN/SECURITY POLICIES PURSUANT TO OUR OBJECTIVE TWO, IN THIS PROGRAM YEAR. HIS OBVIOUS COMMAND OF DETAIL REGARDING ISSUES AND POLICIES, AS SEEN FROM HIS CENTRAL POSITION IN PRESENT U.S. ADMINISTRATION, OF GREATEST INTEREST TO MALAYSIANS. IN ADDITION HIS RELAXED NON DOGMATIC, BUT ARTICULATE STYLE OF PRESENTATION, ENHANCED CREDIBILITY.

2. ARMACOST IS GOOD IN BOTH FORMAL LECTURE, AND SMALL DISCUSSION GROUPS, ADAPTING HIS LECTURES APPROPRIATELY TO AUDIENCE AND TIME INVOLVED. HIS DISCUSSION OF U.S. RELATIONS WITH THIRD WORLD, AND FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES BETWEEN CONGRESS AND WHITE HOUSE ESPECIALLY USEFUL.

3. DURING HIS VISIT, FEBRUARY 18-21, ARMACOST SPOKE TO MALAYSIAN ADMINISTRATIVE AND DIPLOMATIC OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, MOST PROMINENT ORGANIZATION OF GOM OFFICIALS, AUDIENCE OF 150, INCLUDING SEVERAL OF MALAYSIA'S TOP CIVIL SERVANTS. ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT, WHO IS ALSO DIRECTOR OF MALAYSIA'S MOST IMPORTANT INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED TRAINING OF CIVIL SERVANTS, SAID THIS WAS FIRST FOREIGN LECTURER THEY HAD USED IN THEIR PROGRAM, AND WAS SO PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS THAT HE INVITED USIS TO NOMINATE MORE SPEAKERS. ARMACOST ALSO HAD

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DISCUSSIONS WITH FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS, BOTH AT MFA AND

LUNCHEON HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR. IN ADDITION HE ENGAGED IN  
LIVELY DISCUSSION WITH SOME 50 OF LEADING FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
SPECIALISTS, ON FACULTIES OF MALAYA AND NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES,  
AT LUNCH AND FOLLOWING LECTURE. FINALLY HE RECORDED AN  
INTERVIEW WITH "ECONOMIC BULLETIN" A NEW MAGAZINE OF ECONOMIC  
AND CURRENT AFFAIRS.

4. IN SUMMARY, HE WAS MOST USEFUL IN REASSURING OUR  
GOVERNMENT AND ACADEMIC AUDIENCES OF REASONABLENESS AND  
CONTINUITY OF U.S. POLICIES, AT TIME OF CONSIDERABLE DOUBT.  
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